Times of January 8, 1986, captioned "Uttrakhand caught between nature and man"; and

(b) whether in view of the successive calamities of land slides and floods since the beginning of the 19th century, more specifically those since 1970, Government have chalked out a special development plan for the region

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The flood p"rtfble$_m$ of the hill areas in the Uttarkhand region is not due to normal inundation as such but ig caused by landslides and erosion on account of heavy precipitation over the land surface having thin soil cover. The five districts of Nainital, Pithoragarh, Chamoli, Uttarkashi $_a$nd Almora mentioned in" the newspaper report are a part of the eight hill districts of Uttar Pradesh which are covered by the hill area development programme. For the eight districts, a sub-plan which is partly funded from the State Plan and partly from Special Central Assistance, ha$_s$ been in operation since Fifth Plan with a view to promote ecological balance and bring about socio-economic development of the hill people. For meeting the problem of landslides and floods, specific programmes which have been implemented by the State Government are as follows:

(1) Watershed management.

(2) Integrated soil and water conservation.

(3) Forestry.

(4) Plantation programme under 20-Point Programme.

(5) Harnessing alternate/renewable sources of energy viz. bio-gas, solar and wind energy, micro/ mini hydel schemes to reduce pressure on forests.

These programmes are aimed at conserving as well as improving vegetative and biotic cover, preserving land stability and scientific use of land and water resources fof arresting recurrence of natural calamities like floods, landslides etc.

Agreement between India and Pakish tan against attack on nuclear installations

1021. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent official level talks between India and Pakistan held in Islamabad in January, 1986, draft agreements pledging not to attack each other's nuclear installations were exchanged;

(b) if so," what are the details thereof; and

(c) $_w$hat are the main objects and circumstances leading to the exchange of the agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) During the Foreign Secretary's visit to Pakistan from 16-21, January, 1986, the two side$_s$ exchanged drafts and had discussions on a unified text. There will be further discussions on the subject.

(c) To remove misapprehensions, it was agreed at India's initiative during Prime Minister's meeting with Gen. Zia on December 17, 1985, that the two countries will work out an agreement whereby each will undertake not to attack the nuclear installations and facilities of the other.